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LETTER DATED 5 AUGUST 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT GENEVA ADDRESSED TO THE UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Written statement submitted by the World Federalist Movement, a non-governmental organization in consultative status (category II)

The Secretary-General has received the following communication, which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV)

[12 August 1992]

1. The World Federalist Movement, concerned with the application of federalist principles at all levels of governance, believes that a wide exchange of views, evidence and documentation is still necessary to find peaceful and just solutions to the conflicts in the area of the former Yugoslavia.

2. The Movement believes that all significant parties to the conflicts should be present as well as organizations from the area working for the resolution of conflicts. These parties and organizations should be able to present their views and documentation to the Special Session of the Commission on Human Rights under their own responsibility.

3. If such a policy is not taken by the Commission and only non-governmental organizations in consultative status may speak and present documents, then in recognition of the need for a wide exchange of views, we present the attached document without in any way taking responsibility for the views expressed and the facts presented.

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ASSEMBLY OF THE SERBIAN PEOPLE OF BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Banjaluka, 11 August 1992

Taking into consideration a people's right to self-determination and self-organization, and keeping in mind the readiness of the Serbian people for the application of political means towards peaceful solutions to the inter-ethnic conflicts in Bosnia and Herzegovina,

Following the will of the Serbian people to be an integral part of the international community,

The Assembly of the Serbian People in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as the sole legitimate representative and the highest authority of the Serbian people, with the aim of addressing the Security Council and its permanent members - China, France, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America as well as the international community, is issuing the following

DECLARATION

of acceptance and support of all humanitarian efforts of the international community

1. Serb authorities support an immediate and unconditional end to the war and the reaching of a consensus on a political solution to the crisis.

2. No obstructions to humanitarian convoys are made by the Serbian side. The Serbian side has handed over Sarajevo airport to UNPROFOR control, given full guarantee for ground corridors, and opened all prisons for international inspection, and it is ready to exchange prisoners by the principle of "all for all". Hence there is no justification for any military intervention for humanitarian reasons.

3. Although Serb soldiers cannot imagine conflict with the soldiers of the United Kingdom, France, the United States or any other country which has been a Serb ally in the past, an international military intervention would augment into an uncontrolled process whose result could not be foreseen.

4. The arrival of any army but the unbiased peace-keeping forces of the United Nations may lead to an escalation of the war, with inestimable consequences. The error of international recognition of Bosnia and Herzegovina cannot be rectified by committing the new mistake of military

intervention which would turn into military arbitration and participation in an inter-ethnic conflict to the benefit of one of the sides.

5. Serb authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina take the responsibility to accept all humanitarian efforts of the international community with full cooperation in all operations which are not in contradiction with the survival of the Serbian people.

6. The Serb side in Bosnia and Herzegovina requests that the Security Council announce what else the Serb authorities and the Serbian people need to do to avert military intervention and the bloodshed that would ensue.